Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

I OPPOSE H.B. 5397 and S.B. 477.

There is NO "Gun Violence", as Will Smith proved at the Oscars – there is only violence.

Until such time as the root causes of VIOLENCE is identified and solved, the choice of weapon be it a gun, hands, hammers, baseball bats, vehicles, etc. will not change the situation. These bills are a very expensive smoke screen.

I urge you to vote no for both H.B. 5397 and S.B. 477.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Drysdale Cheshire, CT